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***Wilkes County is to Benefit from  
\$220,000 Department of Justice Grant  
for Community Mentoring Program***

**SAVANNAH:** Rick Thompson, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today the awarding of a U. S. Department of Justice , Office of Justice Programs grant to Wilkes County Community Partnership in the amount of \$220,000.00. The grant is to be used to implement a Community Mentoring Program. Carolyn Reynolds is the Project Director.

The Wilkes County Community Partnership will implement the mentoring program, which targets children in elementary school, in five high risk communities in Wilkes County. The mentoring effort will be integrated with existing programs (A-Star, RISE and ORBIT) that already serve the at- risk population in Wilkes County. This one to one mentoring effort will provide these youth with opportunities to learn and develop better decision making and leadership skills through involvement in enrichment activities, workshops and other activities.

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